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**For: USE OF ANECORTAVE ACETATE FOR
THE PROTECTION OF VISUAL ACUITY
IN PATIENTS WITH AGE RELATED
MACULAR DEGENERATION**

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ARTICLE 19 AMENDMENTS

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Sir:

Please enter the following Article 19 Amendments in the present application. The International Search Report was mailed on December 15, 2003. Therefore, the final date for filing Article 19 amendments is February 17, 2004, (by virtue of February 15, 2004, being a Sunday and February 16, 2004, being a holiday).

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Alcon Laboratories, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

III. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20 were originally filed with the case on June 26, 2003. No Written Opinion has issued in the present case. The International Search Report was mailed on December 15, 2003. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 are amended herein to clarify the subject matter of the invention. Claims 21-25 are added herein. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. More specifically, support for amendments to claims 1, 5 and 9 and for new claim 21 can be found at page 10, lines 34-36. Support for new claims 21-23 can also be found at page 1, lines 28-31 and in the claims as originally filed. Support for new claims 24 and 25 can be found at page 6; lines 4-6.

B. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the claims be considered as amended herein.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (817) 551-4321 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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